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TAGS: ETEL, SEDU

SUBJECT: USP SATELLITE/PEACESAT PROGRAM

REF: SUVA 0738

1. PEACESAT CONSORTIUM MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 17 AT 3:00 PM LOCAL TIME TO DISCUSS PEACESAT MANAGEMENT. THERE IS LIKELIHOOD THAT MAJOR CONFRONTATION COULD DEVELOP ON THE AIR BETWEEN BYSTROM IN HAWAII AND USP EXTENSION SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING PROBLEM RAISED REFTEL. IF USP DECIDES TO TAKE HARD LINE, THEY MAY ISSUE UTLIMATUM TO BYSTROM THAT HE WITHDRAW HIS DEMAND FOR SEPARATE LICENSES FOR USP EXTENSION TERMINALS, OR USP WILL PULL OUT OF PEACESAT ARRANGEMENT. THIS IS EXTREME STAND, BUT USP WILL NOT BACK OFF ON THIS CHALLENGE FROM BYSTROM.

2. THERE IS POSSIBILITY WE COULD PLAY MODERATING ROLE BUT TO DO SO WE WILL REQUIRE SOME GUIDANCE FROM DEPT. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT IF ANY PART NASA CAN PLAY IN DETERMINING WHO HAS CONTROL OVER USE OF SATELLITE TIME, WHETHER BYSTROM CAN IN FACT REQUIRE USP TO PRODUCE SEPARATE LICENSES FOR EXTENSION TERMINALS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND IF USP PULLS OUT OF PEACESAT, WHAT EFFECT SUCH A MOVE WILL HAVE ON NEW PROGRAM ENVISONED USING ATS-6.

3. WE ARE LOATHE TO SEE USP LINKUP WITH PEACESAT THREATENED IN THIS WAY BECAUSE OF THE CHANNELS PEACESAT PROVIDES FOR THE UNIVERSITY INTO U.S.-BASED

INSTITUTIONS, AND VICE VERSA. IF THERE IS A BREAK  
BETWEEN THE TWO, BOTH SIDES WOULD LOSE VITAL LINKAGES  
TO AN OPTIMUM, WIDE RANGING SYSTEM.

4. EMBOFF LEE HAS BEEN INVITED TO SIT IN ON  
CONSORTIUM MEETING AS OBSERVER.

5. WE AGAIN SOLICIT YOUR ADVICE AND COMMENTS.  
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